

School Officials Agree

# Bus Ride Equality For All Students

The new Speno school bus law is basically satisfactory to area school officials, the Courier Journal learned in three interviews this week.

A district superintendent, a school board president and a state assemblyman all agreed bus rides should be provided on a basis of equality to all pupils regardless of the schools they attend.

Interviewed were Milton V. Pullen, district superintendent of schools in the Town of Greece; James K. Littwitz, West Irondequoit school board president; and state assemblyman Paul B. Hanks Jr. of Brockport.

The three also agreed present costs of transporting children to parochial schools is a small fraction of the possible cost to taxpayers if these same pupils should be present bus ride arrangements be cut off and switch to public schools.

Asked if he ever faced a complaint from taxpayers in Greece about the bus rides for parochial school pupils, Pullen said, "No, I have never had any questions raised about why there are taxes to have busses for parochial school pupils."

"My opinion is that we'd be covering the area anyway. If they weren't in your schools, they'd be in ours."

The Greece superintendent, who has a record of twenty-five years as a school official there, credited the late Frederick Hill, superintendent in that area thirty years ago, with "far-sightedness" in pioneering the "bus rides for all" program eventually enacted as state law.

Have you found the arrangement basically satisfactory?

Pullen replied with an emphatic "Yes."

The West Irondequoit board president, James K. Littwitz, pointed out his district provides no bus rides for any pupils. All schools there are located within walking distance of pupils.

"Our area is unique, I think, in that it is only five miles long and two miles wide," he explained. A long range building plan located schools "so we would never have to get into the transportation business," he said.

Provisions in the new Speno law requires school districts to arrange transportation for pupils who choose to attend schools outside the district, however, Littwitz estimated "over 500" high school pupils of the West Irondequoit district attend such schools. He listed "Quincy, McQuaid, Alondale, Harley, Nazareth" as examples.

If tokens are given these pupils to ride Rochester Transit



MILTON PULLEN  
"emphatic yes"

payers of the state who will have to pay it."

He estimated the average cost to provide each pupil with a year's supply of bus tokens to attend a school outside the district would be about \$70. He also estimated the total cost of educating a pupil at the district's own high school as about \$600 a year.

Despite the clear saving in taxpayer costs gained from pupils going to private schools, he emphasized his district's desire to avoid any involvement in transportation of pupils — whether they go to public or non-public schools.

Littwitz commented, "We provide educational facilities. The fact that some choose to go to non-public schools means they have some advantages and some disadvantages. One disadvantage, without question, is the increased cost to them since they help support a public school system without deriving any direct benefit. There's absolutely no question about that."

"But we do not provide any alternative," he said. If his district inaugurates the bus token arrangement, he said, "this may open the door to transporting some public school children and we would then soon be in the wholesale transportation business and that would defeat our whole long range plan."

Asked if he thought the Speno law should be revised in any way to exclude bus rides for parochial school pupils, he said, "We believe wholeheartedly in the principle of parity — dollar for dollar, full value from New York State — so there is no actual direct tax increase to Greece residents."

Littwitz commented on this reimbursement arrangement: "Who is the state? After all, the bus token cost still has to be paid for and we are the tax-

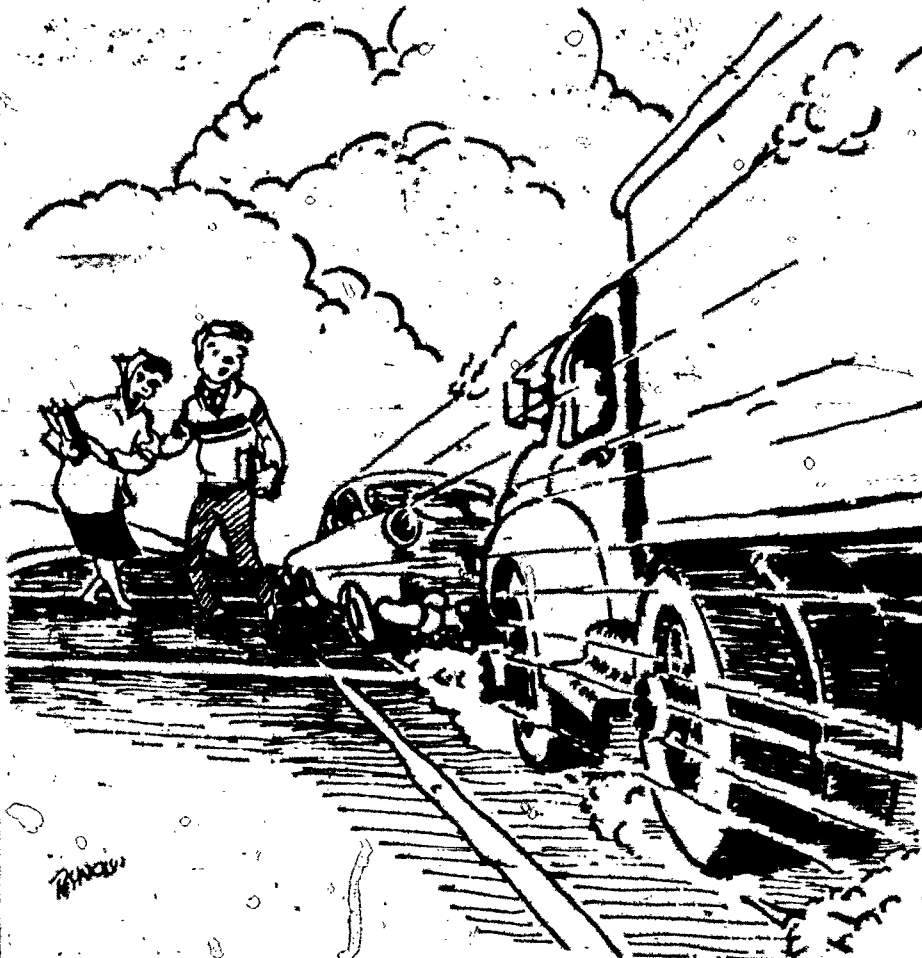


JAMES LITWITZ  
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the schools they attend." He said any legislation he introduces in the state Legislature will "preserve the same rights of both public and parochial school pupils as outlined in the Speno law."

The Courier Journal interviews followed a meeting of school officials and area legislators held at Brighton Junior high school Monday, Dec. 5, and reported as a party at which the Speno school bus law was "almost unanimously" approved.

Assemblyman Paul B. Hanks echoed that conviction. "Every- body should have school busses available to them regardless of anybody dislikes" it.



Why Pupils Need School Busses

**BISHOP'S OFFICE PRIESTS' DAY OF RECOLLECTION**  
to be conducted at **NOTRE DAME RETREAT HOUSE**  
246 Alexander St.  
**Wednesday, Dec. 21**  
10:30 A.M. to 3 P.M.  
under the direction of **REV. CHARLES DAILY, C.S.S.R.**  
Priests who will be present for dinner, please notify the Retreat House.  
Send all changes of address to 25 Solo St., Rochester 4, N.Y.

## New Priest For Diocese

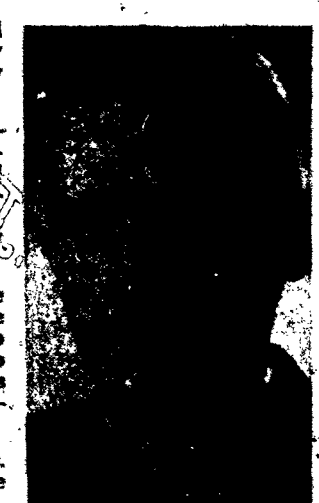
The Rochester Diocese will gain a new priest this Sunday at a ceremony in the shadow of the Vatican.

Rev. Edward J. Dillon, student at the North American College in Rome, will be ordained in the school's chapel by Archbishop Martin J. O'Connor, rector of the American seminary in the Eternal City.

Father Dillon will continue his theological studies there until June. He will return to this country at that time to celebrate his first solemn Mass in his home parish, St. Patrick's, Macedon.

**HIS PARENTS, Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Dillon, are in Rome for the ordination rite.**

The new priest is one of 50 to be ordained at the Sunday ceremony. Four others in the St. Bernard's Seminary, Rochester, and will later serve in



FATHER DILLON

Hartford, Syracuse, Albany and St. Augustine dioceses.

Father Dillon, a native of Macedon, was born Jan. 1, 1926. He attended schools there, St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's Seminary, John Fisher College, St. Ann-Marie. He was assigned by Bishop Kearney to make his theology studies in Rome in 1957. The December ordination date permits the new priest to celebrate Mass in the historic churches of Rome and at the famous European shrines prior to returning to their home diocese.

## Fast Day Fri. or Sat.

Catholics may choose either Dec. 22 or Dec. 24 as the day they will fast and abstain for the vigil of Christmas.

Pope John granted this unique permission in a special 1959 Vatican decree.

The vigil Mass, however, may be said only on Dec. 24.

Those who choose Saturday as their day to fast and abstain are still required to keep Friday as a no-meat day.

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# Family Sanctity Said Threatened



## Pope Explains Parents Role

Vatican City — (RNS) — Pope John XXIII, at an audience to delegates attending the tenth National Congress of Italian Womens' Centers, urged them to be on guard against assaults continually being made on the sanctity of the family.

He said that no effort should be spared by those with a sense of responsibility to defend "those human and Christian values" which are essential for "the development and health of the family."

The Pope's talk, paying a glowing tribute to the role of mothers, was later broadcast in many languages by the Vatican Radio, which stressed "the great importance to all believers."

"The family," Pope John said, "is the gift of God. It implies a vocation which comes from heaven. It is the source of a true and good education."

The Pontiff emphasized "the very great importance of the role of the mother in the family." And made special reference to problems created by the increasing number of women who work outside the home.

"The mother," he said, "is the person to whom all respect is shown. The role of the mother, when it encourages and inspires, stays in the hearts of her children and is never forgotten. Only God knows the good that is done by that voice and its value to the Church and to human society."

THE PONTIFF said "we must respect the facts which show that the number of women going into occupation is continually growing, and that their aspirations are becoming more diverse in their search for independence and freedom from need."

"But if the economic independence of women is an advantage," he continued, "many problems arise to distract them from their fundamental mission, which is the bearing and rearing of new creatures. Here, too, are situations which prevent themselves with grave urgency and which need preparation in the spirit of adaptability and renunciation to meet them."

"This spirit is created in the life of the family, in the care and education of children, and, above all, in the education in religious duties."

"Woman is called to a task greater than that of man, especially when one considers her natural frailty and also if one considers the fact that more is asked of her. It is she, in fact, who in all circumstances, must find the resources to face with serene self-confidence her duties as wife and mother, so that she may not renounce the responsibility which the education of children involves."

## All American At CYO Party

New York — Navy's brilliant halfback Joe Bellino, who seems to have made just about everybody's list of college grid greats this season, proves to be just as popular with the youngsters as he is with the 1962-member Football Writers Association, which picked him for Look magazine's All America football squad. Bellino, a former CYO product himself, is shown here signing autographs for New York CYO children at a special "Meet the All Americans" party in New York Saturday. (Photo by Look magazine)

## Christmas Suggestion

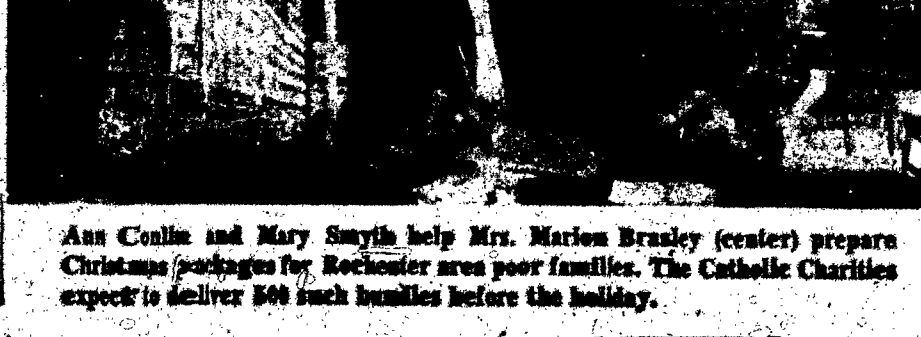
### How To Double Your Joy

Why not share your Christmas joy with a poor family? bundles of food, clothing and toys next week, and are currently making their list and check-off it twice" to be sure each package fits the needs of each family.

THE NEEDY individuals range from elderly and ailing people alone in the world without friends or relatives to show an interest in them to young couples plagued with illness or injury and unable to find a job with adequate income.

Father Mulcahy hopes Courier Journal readers will send in "one dollar, ten dollars, any amount they can afford" this weekend so the Family Center can make the needed purchases in time.

You can send your donation to the Catholic Charities Christmas-Fund, 10 Chestnut St., Rochester 4.



Ann Conlin and Mary Smyth help Mrs. Marion Brasley (center) prepare Christmas packages for Rochester area poor families. The Catholic Charities expect to deliver 500 such bundles before the holiday.

## Enemies Now Missioners

Truex, Korea — (RNS) — Two infantrymen who fought against each other in World War II's Battle of the Bulge met here recently — but this time on the same side. Both are Catholic missionaries to Korea.

While trading war stories with a young German priest, Father Rudolph Kraewitter, Maryknoll Father Lee A. Decman of Joliet, Ill., discovered that they had been shooting at each other in the Bulge fighting.

Father Kraewitter, a conscript in the German Army, was among the prisoners captured by Father Decman's battalion in northern France. After the war both soldiers entered missionary work, were ordained to the priesthood and assigned to the mission in Korea.

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